



NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Date : November 25, 2019

SALIENT DETAILS OF THE TENDER NOTICE

Two parts ONLINE bid (E-tender) offers are requested from competent bidders against the tender having salient features as mentioned below :

Name of Work:	Fabrication, Supply and Erection of Pre Engineered Building, Roofing, Cladding and related Works for Central Workshop Building at NRL site.
Tender No. & Date :	OC10000323/JBS dated 25.11.2019
Bidding Document & subsequent addendum / Corrigendum (if any) available on Website for viewing & downloading	The complete document is available on CPP Portal. (https://eprocure.gov.in/)
Tender Publish Date / download start date / Bid Submission start date & time	26.11.2019 at 17.00 hrs
Last date of Receipt of Bidder's Queries for Pre-Bid Conference	Not applicable
Pre-Bid Conference (Date & Time)	Not applicable
Last date of on line EMD submission:	17.12.2019 at 11.00 hrs
Tender document download end date & time / Bid Submission end date & time	17.12.2019 at 11.00 hrs
Bid opening date & time (Technical Bid)*	18.12.2019 at 11.00 hrs
Contact Person for any query/ clarification	Mr. JB Sarma, DGM (Project-Commercial), Email- iyoti.sarma@nrl.co.in
Online Opening of Priced Bids of Techno-Commercially Accepted Bidders	On date & time to be intimated later on to techno-commercially acceptable & qualified bidders
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.1,00,000.00 (Rupees one lac only).

Note :

- If identified dates as (*) above happens to be a declared holiday/closed day in NRL, activity shall be conducted on next working day at the same time.
- All amendments, time extension, clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the websites only. Bidders should regularly visit the above website(s) to keep themselves updated.
- Request for extension received from any bidder with less than two working days prior to bid due date shall generally be ignored, since there will not be adequate time for consideration. Bidders shall submit the bid directly and in their own name without involving any intermediaries.

1.0 Introduction

Numaligarh Refinery Limited, (NRL), a Central Government Public Sector Undertaking and a subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. NRL operates a 3 MMTPA Refinery at Numaligarh in the District of Golaghat, Assam since the year 2000. NRL has embarked on an ambitious path to expand its refining capacity from current 3 MMTPA to 9 MMTPA at its existing location in Assam in next 4 years. The proposed Workshop Building is being constructed as a part of Refinery Expansion Project activities.

2.0 Brief Scope of Work :

NRL desires to carry out some Pre-Project Activities to fast track the implementation of the Numaligarh Refinery Expansion Project. As an immediate activity, present Workshop Facilities shall be relocated to suitable location inside the refinery premises to facilitate construction of new process units. This proposed Workshop Facility shall be a PEB building abutting RCC annexes on both sides with common RCC foundations at the interface.

3.0 DELETED

4.0 Bidder Qualification Requirement (BQC):

Bidder(s) who meet all of the following criteria as specified in Clauses below shall be qualified for participating in this tender and shall submit supporting documents as detailed in the tender. Proposal submitted by bidders who qualify as per the following criteria shall be technically and commercially evaluated.

4.1 Commercial Criteria

The Bidder shall have experience of having successfully executed *similar works during the last 10 years ending on the last day of the month previous to one in which last date of original bid submission falls, meeting any one of the following options :

	Past Experience (Rs. in lacs)
One similar completed work costing not less than	188.0
Two similar completed work costing not less than	150.0
Three similar completed work costing not less than	113.0

*Definition of Similar Works:

Design, fabrication, supply. Erection and commissioning of Pre-Engineered Building (PEB) for the purpose of either of the following : Industrial Workshop or Factory or Warehouse.

Note:

- 1. Bidder will give details of their past experience along with documentary evidence as per Annexure-II to ITB enclosed herein.*
- 2. Relevant work order copies and completion certificates are to be enclosed with offer.*
- 3. The value of past experience shall be adjusted at a simple rate of 07% for every completed year and thereafter at @0.58% for every completed month ending last day of the month proceeding the month in which last date of original bid submission falls.*

4.3 FINANCIAL CRITERIA :

- a) **Average Annual Turnover:** Average Annual Turnover of the Bidder during last 03 financial years shall be minimum INR 113.0 lacs.
- b) **Net worth:** The Net Worth of the Bidder in the immediate preceding financial year shall be positive.
- c) Bidder should not be under liquidation, court receivership or similar proceedings. Bidder shall submit a self- certificate to this effect.

Additional Note :

- The bidder must submit copy (ies) financial documents – Trading and P/L account(s) along with the un-priced bid in support of the above criteria.
- In case audited balance sheets and profit and loss account for the immediate preceding financial year is not available for bid closing date up to 30th September, the Bidder has an option to submit the audited balance sheets and profit & loss account of the three previous years immediately prior to the last financial year. However, for bid closing date after 30th September, the bidder has to compulsorily submit the audited balance sheets and profit and loss account for the immediate three preceding financial years, for evaluation and his qualification with respect to financial criteria. In any case the date (i.e. the financial period closing date) of the immediate previous year's audited annual accounts should not be older than eighteen (18) months from the bid due date.

SPECIAL NOTE TO THE BIDDERS:

Please note that this being a works contract, relaxation of Pre-Qualification Criteria and price benefit to MSE & Start-up agencies shall not applicable. However, relaxation of EMD as per MSE policy will be applicable.

5.0 Documents required to be submitted in support of BQC

- 5.1 Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence by way of copies of work orders /Relevant pages of contracts, completion certificates from their clients, division of responsibilities for the work performed, completion certificate, MOU document/ commitment letters, Annual Reports containing audited balance sheets including Profit and Loss Accounts statement, in support of their fulfilling the qualification criteria.
- 5.2 In absence of such documents, NRL reserve the right to reject the Bid without making any reference to the Bidder or assigning any reason what-so-ever.
- 5.3 All documents furnished by the bidder in support of meeting the PQC (including MSE Certificate) shall be submitted/uploaded in a separate folder titled "Documents towards PQC" and all the bidding document related to Qualification Criteria should be duly verified and certified as per the following :

Either

Documents shall be submitted duly certified by Statutory Auditor of the bidder or a practicing Chartered Accountant (not being an employee / Director and not having any interest in the bidder's company) where audited accounts are not mandatory as per law.

OR

Documents submitted shall be duly certified true copies, duly signed dated and stamped by any notary public of bidders country (in case of the Principal/ holding company based out of India) / an official authorized for this purpose in Indian Embassy/ High Commission in the country of Principal/ holding company.

OR

Document submitted shall be duly certified true copies, duly signed dated and stamped by TPIA(IRS/ DNV/ LRIS/ EIL/ TATA Projects/ PDIL/ULIPL/RITESLtd./BVIS/SGS/GLISPL/UL/MECON/ICS/CEIL).

Note: All charges of the attestations and verification shall be borne by the Bidder for document verification. Bidder has to enclose the verification certificate duly signed & stamped by Authorized signatory.

In case the bid is to be submitted by any of the certifying agency mentioned above, the documents can be authenticated by other certifying agencies, or by adopting alternate options given above.

If duly audited Balance sheet. Annual Report etc., are not in English language, then the English translation copy of the same shall be furnished duly certified stamped and signed by Local Chamber of Commerce along with the original Balance Sheet, Annual Report etc., with the unpriced bid.

- 5.4 Failure to meet the above Qualification Criteria will render the Bid to be rejected. Therefore, the bidder shall in his own interest furnish complete documentary evidence in the first instance itself, in support of their fulfilling the Qualification Criteria as given above. NRL reserves the right to complete the evaluation based on the details furnished without seeking any additional information.
- 5.5 Bidders on “Holiday List of/debarred from business dealings by” NRL/Oil PSUs /MOP&NG shall not be considered for evaluation and ordering.
- 5.6 NRL decision on any matter regarding short listing of bidders shall be final.
- 5.7 **Submission of authentic documents is the prime responsibility of the Bidder. However, NRL reserves the right of getting the document cross verified, at their discretion from the document issuing authority.**
- 5.8 NRL reserves the right to complete the evaluation based on the details furnished (without seeking any additional information) and / or in-house data, survey or otherwise.
- 6.0 Earnest Money Deposit:**
- 6.1 Bidders are required to submit the EMD/Bid Security for the amount, as mentioned under clause 2.0, online through the link <https://easypay.axisbank.co.in/nrl>.

Please note that EMD amount in online mode is only acceptable and no other mode i.e. offline or hard copy is not acceptable.

In case non submission of Bid Security / EMD as mentioned above shall be considered as non-responsive and such Bids shall be rejected.

- 6.2 EMD exemption will be applicable only for Micro or Small Enterprises (MSEs) registered District Industries Centres or Khadi and Village Industries Commission or Khadi and Village Industries board or Coir Board or National Small Industries Corporation or Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom or any other body specified by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises subject to:
- The unit being registered for the item tendered.
 - Registration certificate being valid as on date of quotation.

7.0 Time Schedule :

	Activity	Time Schedule
Part A (SOR Item sl. 10)	Design, Fabricate, Supply, Erection and Commissioning of PEB Structures, Roof, wall etc., complete in all respect	6 (six) months from the date of award.
Part B (SOR Item sl. 20)	Supply, Erection and Commissioning of EOT crane	8 (Eight) months from the date of award

8.0 Pre-Bid Conference : Deleted.

9.0 Bid Validity

Validity of bid shall be 4 (Four) months from the final Bid Due Date.

10.0 TENDER DOCUMENT:

- 10.1 Tender documents should be downloaded from Central Public Procurement Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Aspiring Bidders/ Suppliers who have not enrolled/registered in e-procurement should enroll/register before participating, through the website <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Bidders are advised to go through instructions provided as 'Instructions for online Bid Submission' provided at Appendix A to Notice Inviting Tender.
- 10.1 Bidders can access tender documents from the website, fill them with all relevant information and submit the completed tender document into electronic tender on the website <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.
- 10.2 Tenders and supporting documents should be uploaded through e-procurement portal only. Hard copy of the tender documents will not be accepted.
- 10.3 ***Corrigendum/addendum/extension (if any) pertaining to this tender will be published in the website only.***
- 10.4 Both Technical bid and Financial bid are to be submitted concurrently, duly digitally signed in the web site <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

Online Bids are received only on CPPP Portal website <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> on or before due date as indicated in the NIT. The bidder shall be at liberty to be present either in person or through an authorized representative at the time of opening of the Technical Bid. Price Bids of only those bidders shall be opened who are Techno-commercially qualified, at a time and place for which notice shall be given. The qualified bidders shall be at liberty to be present either in person or through an authorized representative at the time of opening of the Price Bids with the Bid Acknowledgement Receipt.

11.0 GENERAL:

- 11.1 NRL reserves the right to carry out capacity & capability assessment of the bidder using in-house information and past performance.
- 11.2 The bidders shall give a declaration that the bidder shall not be under liquidation, court receivership or similar proceeding and their business is not banned by any Central / State Government Department / Public Undertaking or Enterprise or Central / State Governments.
- 11.3 The bidders who are on Holiday / Negative list of NRL as on due date of submission of bid / during the process of evaluation of the Techno commercial bids, the offers of such bidders shall not be considered for bid opening / evaluation / Award. If the bidding document were issued inadvertently / downloaded from website, offers submitted by such bidders shall also be not considered for bid opening / evaluation/ award.
- 11.4 NRL will not be responsible or liable for cost incurred in preparation, submission & delivery of bids, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
- 11.5 In case any Bidder is found to be involved in cartel formation, his Bid will not be considered for

- evaluation / placement of order. Such Bidder will also be debarred from bidding in future.
- 11.6 Canvassing in any form by the Bidder or by any other agency on their behalf may lead to disqualification of their Bid.
 - 11.7 Unsolicited clarifications to the offer and / or change in the prices during the validity period would render the bid liable for rejection.
 - 11.8 NRL reserves the right to reject any or all the bids received or annul the bidding process at any time.
 - 11.9 NRL reserves its right to allow Public Sector Enterprises (Central / State), purchase preference as admissible / applicable from time to time under the existing Govt. policy. NRL shall also follow the Public Procurement Policy on Procurement of Goods and services from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order 2012.
 - 11.10 Scanned copy of the Integrity Pact duly signed & stamped shall be uploaded along with the offer.
 - 11.11 For detailed specifications, terms and conditions and other details, refer complete Bidding Document.
 - 11.12 All questions and requests for clarifications or interpretations related to tender documents shall be addressed in writing to:

Mr. JB Sarma
DGM (Project – Commercial)
Numaligarh Refinery Limited
Numaligarh – 785699, Dist- Golaghat, Assam
Email – Jyoti.sarma@nrl.co.in

GM (Commercial) I/c
Numaligarh Refinery Limited

Instructions for Online Bid Submission

As per the directives of Department of Expenditure, this tender document has been published on the Central Public Procurement Portal (URL: <https://eprocure.gov.in>). The bidders are required to submit soft copies of their bids electronically on the CPP Portal, using valid Digital Signature Certificates. The instructions given below are meant to assist the bidders in registering on the CPP Portal, prepare their bids in accordance with the requirements and submitting their bids online on the CPP Portal.

More information useful for submitting online bids on the CPP Portal may be obtained at: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

REGISTRATION

- 1) Bidders are required to enroll on the e-Procurement module of the Central Public Procurement Portal (URL: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>) by clicking on the link “**Online Bidder Enrolment**” on the CPP Portal is free of charge.
- 2) As part of the enrolment process, the bidders will be required to choose a unique username and assign a password for their accounts.
- 3) Bidders are advised to register their valid email address and mobile numbers as part of the registration process. These would be used for any communication from the CPP Portal.
- 4) Upon enrolment, the bidders will be required to register their valid Digital Signature Certificate (Class II or Class III Certificates with signing key usage) issued by any Certifying Authority recognized by CCA India (e.g. Sify / TCS / nCode / eMudhra etc.), with their profile.
- 5) Only one valid DSC should be registered by a bidder. Please note that the bidders are responsible to ensure that they do not lend their DSC’s to others which may lead to misuse.
- 6) Bidder then logs in to the site through the secured log-in by entering their user ID / password and the password of the DSC / e-Token.

SEARCHING FOR TENDER DOCUMENTS

- 1) There are various search options built in the CPP Portal, to facilitate bidders to search active tenders by several parameters. These parameters could include Tender ID, organization name, location, date, value, etc. There is also an option of advanced search for tenders, wherein the bidders may combine a number of search parameters such as organization name, form of contract, location, date, other keywords etc. to search for a tender published on the CPP Portal.
- 2) Once the bidders have selected the tenders they are interested in, they may download the required documents / tender schedules. These tenders can be moved to the respective ‘My Tenders’ folder. This would enable the CPP Portal to intimate the bidders through SMS / e-mail in case there is any corrigendum issued to the tender document.
- 3) The bidder should make a note of the unique Tender ID assigned to each tender, in case they want to obtain any clarification / help from the Helpdesk.

PREPARATION OF BIDS

- 1) Bidder should take into account any corrigendum published on the tender document before submitting their bids.
- 2) Please go through the tender advertisement and the tender document carefully to understand the documents required to be submitted as part of the bid. Please note the number of covers in which the bid documents have to be submitted, the number of documents - including the names and content of each of the document that need to be submitted. Any deviations from these may lead to rejection of the bid.
- 3) Bidder, in advance, should get ready the bid documents to be submitted as indicated in the tender document / schedule and generally, they can be in PDF / XLS / RAR / DWF formats. Bid documents may be scanned with 100 dpi with black and white option.

- 4) To avoid the time and effort required in uploading the same set of standard documents which are required to be submitted as a part of every bid, a provision of uploading such standard documents (e.g. PAN card copy, annual reports, auditor certificates etc.) has been provided to the bidders. Bidders can use “My Space” area available to them to upload such documents. These documents may be directly submitted from the “My Space” area while submitting a bid, and need not be uploaded again and again. This will lead to a reduction in the time required for bid submission process.

SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- 1) Bidder should log into the site well in advance for bid submission so that he/she upload the bid in time i.e. on or before the bid submission time. Bidder will be responsible for any delay due to other issues.
- 2) The bidder has to digitally sign and upload the required bid documents one by one as indicated in the tender document.
- 3) Bidder has to select the payment option as “offline” to pay the tender fee / EMD as applicable and enter details of the instrument.
- 4) **Bidder(s) must follow the following for submission of online EMD:**
 - Bidders will open the link <https://easypay.axisbank.co.in/nrl> and type the Tender ID for which EMD is to be paid and click on the option “Validate”. Pl. enter the tender ID as **OC10000323**.
 - The web page will auto populate Tender Name, Last Date of Payment, Bid Opening date and EMD (not editable).
 - The bidder will enter his Company/ Firm Name, Address, e-Mail ID, Amount and Mobile Number.
 - The bidder is also required to enter his preferred account No. and IFS Code twice for receiving EMD refund. In case of any mismatch in the account No. or IFS Code entered twice, the web page will prompt the bidder to correct the data and then allow to proceed with payment.
 - The Bidder is then required to enter verification code as displayed in the web page and click on the option “Submit”.
 - The next Web Page will then display the summary of the EMD payment along with a Unique Reference Number (URN).
 - Bidder is required to accept the payment Terms and Conditions and select his preferred mode of payment from the options provided, viz., Net Banking (Axis Bank or Other Banks), Credit/ Debit Cards or NEFT/RTGS.
 - In case of Net Banking, the bidder will enter his User ID/ Password/ Transaction Password and One time password as per the online payment system of the Bidder’s Bank.
 - For Credit/ Debit Card payment, the Bidder will enter his Card Number, Expiry Date, CVV and ‘Verified by VISA’ or ‘Master Secure’ password as applicable.
 - For bidders selecting the payment option of NEFT/ RTGS, the web page will generate a challan with a Dynamic/Virtual Account Number, IFS Code, Account Name and Amount. The bidders can take a print out of this challan or just note the relevant details and initiate the NEFT payment from their Bank.

A receipt will be generated after successful payment (irrespective of the mode of payment). Bidder can take print out for onward submission with tender as well as save a soft copy of the receipt.

Foreign Bidders may submit the EMD wither in the form of crossed Demand Draft in favour of “Numaligarh Refinery Limited” payable at Numaligarh or Bank Guarantee (BG). BG shall be submitted from any Indian scheduled bank which includes Indian branch of foreign bank recognized as scheduled bank by RBI. Bids without the requisite EMD as mentioned above shall be rejected.

There will be no waiver of EMD for Public Sector Undertaking of Central/State Government Undertakings. EMD shall be valid for a period of 08 (Eight) months from the final bid due date for submission of Bids.

- 5) Bidders are requested to note that they should necessarily submit their financial bids in the format provided and no other format is acceptable. If the priced bid have been given as a standard BOQ format with the tender document, then the same is to be downloaded and to be filled by all the bidders. Bidders are required to download the BOQ file, open it and complete the white colored (unprotected) cells with their respective financial quotes and other details (such as name of the bidder). No other cells should be changed. Once the details have been completed, the bidder should save it and submit it online, without changing the filename. If the BOQ file is found to be modified by the bidder, the bid will be rejected.
- 6) The server time (which is displayed on the bidders' dashboard) will be considered as the standard time for referencing the deadlines for submission of the bids by the bidders, opening of bids etc. The bidders should follow this time during bid submission.
- 7) All the documents being submitted by the bidders would be encrypted using PKI encryption techniques to ensure the secrecy of the data. The data entered cannot be viewed by unauthorized persons until the time of bid opening. The confidentiality of the bids is maintained using the secured Socket Layer 128 bit encryption technology. Data storage encryption of sensitive fields is done
- 8) The uploaded tender documents become readable only after the tender opening by the authorized bid openers.
- 9) Upon the successful and timely submission of bids, the portal will give a successful bid submission message & a bid summary will be displayed with the bid no. and the date & time of submission of the bid with all other relevant details.
- 10) The bid summary has to be printed and kept as an acknowledgement of the submission of the bid. This acknowledgement may be used as an entry pass for any bid opening meetings.

ASSISTANCE TO BIDDERS

- 1) Any queries relating to the tender document and the terms and conditions contained therein should be addressed to the Tender Inviting Authority for a tender or the relevant contact person indicated in the tender.
- 2) Any queries relating to the process of online bid submission or queries relating to CPP Portal in general may be directed to the 24x7 CPP Portal Helpdesk. The contact number for the helpdesk is 1800-3070-2232.
- 3) **For any assistance, please contact the following person:**
Dhiraj Mohan Saikia , Phone No 03776 – 265774,
E mail : z_tender@nrl.co.in

Special Instructions to the Bidders for the e-submission of the bids online through e-Procurement Portal :

- Bidder should do Online Enrolment in this Portal using the option Click Here to enrol available in the Home Page. Then the Digital Signature enrolment has to be done with the e-token, after logging into the portal. The e-token may be obtained from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities such as eMudhraCA/GNFC/IDRBT /MTNLTrustline/SafeScript/TCS.
- Bidder then logs into the portal giving user id / password chosen during enrolment.
- The e-token that is registered should be used by the bidder and should not be misused by others.
- DSC once mapped to an account cannot be remapped to any other account. It can only be Inactivated.
- The Bidders can update well in advance, the documents such as certificates, purchase order details etc., under **My Documents** option and these can be selected as per tender requirements and then attached along with bid documents during bid submission. This will ensure lesser upload of bid documents.

- After downloading / getting the tender schedules, the Bidder should go through them carefully and then submit the documents as per the tender document, otherwise, the bid will be rejected.
- The BOQ template must not be modified/replaced by the bidder and the same should be uploaded after filling the relevant columns, else the bidder is liable to be rejected for that tender. Bidders are allowed to enter the Bidder Name and Values only.
- If there are any clarifications, this may be obtained online through the e-Procurement Portal, or through the contact details given in the tender document. Bidder should take into account of the corrigendum published before submitting the bids online.
- Bidder, in advance, should prepare the bid documents to be submitted as indicated in the tender schedule and they should be in PDF/XLS/RAR/DWF formats. If there is more than one document, they can be clubbed together.
- Bidder should arrange for the EMD as specified in the tender.
- The bidder reads the terms and conditions and accepts the same to proceed further to submit the bids
- The bidder has to submit the tender document(s) online well in advance before the prescribed time to avoid any delay or problem during the bid submission process.
- There is no limit on the size of the file uploaded at the server end. However, the upload is decided on the Memory available at the Client System as well as the Network bandwidth available at the client side at that point of time. In order to reduce the file size, bidders are suggested to scan the documents in 75-100 DPI so that the clarity is maintained and also the size of file also gets reduced. This will help in quick uploading even at very low bandwidth speeds.
- It is important to note that, **the bidder has to Click on the Freeze Bid Button, to ensure that he/she completes the Bid Submission Process. Bids Which are not Frozen are considered as Incomplete/Invalid bids and are not considered for evaluation purposes.**
- In case of Offline payments, the details of the Earnest Money Deposit(EMD) document submitted physically to the Department and the scanned copies furnished at the time of bid submission online should be the same otherwise the Tender will be summarily rejected
- The **Tender Inviting Authority (TIA)** will not be held responsible for any sort of delay or the difficulties faced during the submission of bids online by the bidders due to local issues.
- The bidder may submit the bid documents online mode only, through this portal. Offline documents will not be handled through this system.
- At the time of freezing the bid, the e-Procurement system will give a successful bid updating message after uploading all the bid documents submitted and then a bid summary will be shown with the bid no, date & time of submission of the bid with all other relevant details. The documents submitted by the bidders will be digitally signed using the e-token of the bidder and then submitted.
- After the bid submission, the bid summary has to be printed and kept as an acknowledgement as a token of the submission of the bid. The bid summary will act as a proof of bid submission for a tender floated and will also act as an entry point to participate in the bid opening event.
- Successful bid submission from the system means, the bids as uploaded by the bidder is received and stored in the system. System does not certify for its correctness.
- The bidder should see that the bid documents submitted should be free from virus and if the documents could not be opened, due to virus, during tender opening, the bid is liable to be rejected
- The time that is displayed from the server clock at the top of the tender Portal, will be valid for all actions of requesting bid submission, bid opening etc., in the e-Procurement portal. The Time followed in this portal is as per Indian Standard Time (IST) which is GMT+5:30. The bidders should adhere to this time during bid submission.
- All the data being entered by the bidders would be encrypted at the client end, and the software uses PKI encryption techniques to ensure the secrecy of the data. The data entered will not be viewable by unauthorized persons during bid submission and not viewable by any one until the time of bid opening. Overall, the submitted bid documents become readable only after the tender opening by the authorized individual.

- During transmission of bid document, the confidentiality of the bids is maintained since the data is transferred over secured Socket Layer (SSL) with 256 bit encryption technology. Data encryption of sensitive fields is also done.
- The bidders are requested to submit the bids through online e-Procurement system to the TIA well before the bid submission end date and time **(as per Server System Clock)**.
